cases where punitive measures were taken and the number of officers involved in such cases is not centrally maintained.

Government have issued instructions to all the ministries/departments to display the name of the Public Grievance Officer in that department at the reception of that office and also indicate the time when the Public Grievance Officer would be available for public hearing. Besides this, all the ministries/departments have been instructed to observe Wednesdays as meetingless days so that members of public can see the officers on Wednesday any time during the office hours for redressal of their grievances.

Option for Foreign Languages for UPSC Examinations

3218. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who have opted for Russian, Arabic, German, French, Pali, Chinese and Persian languages for the examinations of Union Public Service Commission during the year 1992-93; and

(b) what is the number of persons, out of them, who have got through in the examinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) (a) and (b) Option to choose literature of one of these foreign languages in the examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission exists only in the Civil Services (Main) Examination. In this examination held during the year 1992-93, no candidate opted for Russian, Arabic and Chinese. The position with regard to other languages is as below:

Language	No of candidates appeared	No. of candidates recommended
German	2	Nil
French	4	1
Pali	26	1
Pesian	8	33

Ignoring the advice of UPSC

3219. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEME AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases in which advice given by the Union Public Service Commission has been ignored during the period 1992-93; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIVANCES AND PENSONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) (a) and (b) Annual Report of the Union Public Service Commission for the period 1992-93 alongwith the explanatory memorandum in respect of cases of non-acceptance of the Commission's advice included in the report will be laid on the Table of the House at the earliest possible.

Joint cadre Authority for postings and Transfers of IAS Officers

3226. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Joint Cadre Authority (JCA) was consituted some time in 1989 for the postings and transfers of IAS Officers;